



Long Beach Police Department

# Crime Watch News

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## COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

### Apartment Watch and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D.)

**Wednesday,  
August 20, 2003  
7:00 p.m.**

**Long Beach Water Department  
1800 East Wardlow Road**

#### ***The Apartment Watch Program is back!***

Apartment Watch Coordinator John Houck will provide you with an overview of the newly re-introduced program. It's ready to go and is expected to be better than ever!

#### ***Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D.)***

The Apartment Watch Program has incorporated many safety and crime prevention concepts from the C.P.T.E.D. program. Officer Andre' Booker and Apartment Watch Coordinator John Houck will provide a realistic photo presentation to explain these concepts for apartment and residential properties. Come and learn how to make your property a safer place to live!

Our monthly *Community Crime Prevention Meetings* are open to everyone in the community. Please join us for an informative evening and bring your friends and neighbors!

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## Upcoming Events/Volunteer Opportunities

- August 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
**National Night Out - Crime Prevention and Safety Fair**  
Lowe's Home Improvement Parking Lot, 2840 Bellflower Boulevard  
Call for further information: Police Services Assistant Christa King 570-7159  
***See "National Night Out" - Page 2***
- August 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
**Business Watch Seminar - Identity Theft and Auto Burglary**  
Long Beach Water Treatment Plant Community Room, 2950 Redondo Avenue  
Call for further information: Officer Kimberly Pernell 570-7326  
***See "Business Watch Seminar" - Page 2***
- August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**Neighborhood Safety Fair and Block Party**  
Anaheim Street Community Police Center  
1320 Gaviota Avenue (Anaheim Street/Gaviota Avenue)  
Call for further information: Maria Lopez 570-1691

## BUSINESS WATCH SEMINAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2003

The Long Beach Police Department's  
**BUSINESS WATCH PROGRAM**  
 and the  
**LONG BEACH CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU**  
 present a FREE seminar:

### Identity Theft and Auto Burglary

Wednesday, August 6, 2003  
 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Long Beach Water Treatment Plant  
 Community Room  
 2950 Redondo Avenue

Identity Theft Detail Sergeant Rick Farfan will be providing a presentation on Long Beach's fastest growing crime, Identity Theft. Join us with your friends, neighbors and employees to learn how crooks are using your personal information to obtain credit in your name. He'll explain the reasons why crooks are breaking into your vehicles to obtain personal information and the relationship between identity theft and auto burglaries.

The Auto Theft Detail will also provide a presentation on auto burglary and auto theft. A Detective will explain the difference between the two crimes and will provide information on how to make your car "less attractive" to car thieves.

To reserve your seat, please contact Business Watch Coordinator, Officer Kimberly Pernell, at (562) 570-7326 or via e-mail at [kimberly\\_pernell@longbeach.gov](mailto:kimberly_pernell@longbeach.gov). Walk-ins are also welcome! For additional information, you can also contact LBCVB Director of Membership, Jeff Forney, at (562) 495-8348 or via e-mail at [jeff@longbeachcvb.org](mailto:jeff@longbeachcvb.org)

## "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY FAIR

Please join us to celebrate  
**"America's Night Out Against Crime"**

**Tuesday, August 5, 2003**  
**6:00 p.m. -- 9:00 p.m.**

**Lowe's Home Improvement Parking Lot**  
**2840 Bellflower Boulevard**



- Enjoy the sounds of our LBPB "Blue Steel Band"
- View Police Equipment and Vehicles
- See "Herbie the Talking Police Car"
- See "Robbie the Robot"
- View "FOX", our new Helicopter
- See our "Drags Against Drugs" Race Car
- Crime Prevention Displays
- Fingerprinting by LBPB Explorers
- Dunk a Police Officer in our Dunk Tank!

Residents throughout Long Beach and across the nation are asked to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police to help build stronger police-partnerships and neighborhood unity in our fight for a safer community.

For additional information, please call Community Relations:

PSA Christa King . . . . . (562) 570-7159  
 PSA Lisa Massacani . . (562) 570-7229  
 Community Relations . (562) 570-7215

## JOIN OUR E-NOTIFY



*The E-mail Notification Service that will allow you to be notified of police events and other news that occur within our city. It's a service that will allow the Police Department to communicate important information to you. Follow the four easy steps below to subscribe to this free service:*

1. Access the Long Beach Police Department's website at: [www.longbeachpd.org](http://www.longbeachpd.org)
2. Locate the column of site topics on the left side of the page, and click on "Join Our e-Notify."
3. Click on "Join Here," at the message titled, "We Need to Contact You.."
4. A form titled, "Help Us Communicate With You" will appear. Complete the requested information. Click on "Submit," and we'll regularly send you information!

*A Message from  
Police Chief  
Anthony W. Batts...*



## Senior Police Partners SPP VOLUNTEERS

Let me introduce you to the Long Beach Police Department's Senior Police Partners (SPP's). The SPP's are a motivated group of seniors who are dedicated to making a difference in their community. Each year, they donate over 5,000 hours and assist hundreds of senior citizens throughout Long Beach. The SPP's are trained volunteers who offer advice and assistance to fellow senior citizens who are referred to them by police or fire personnel. In addition, they provide the following:



- Crime victim assistance
- Crime prevention information
- Vacation checks
- Peer support and caring
- Home security inspections
- Graffiti reporting
- Limited safety patrol
- Education and awareness program



### Requirement to apply:

- Be at least 55 years of age
- Have no felony convictions
- Be in good physical health
- Ability to volunteer at least 20 hours per month
- California drivers license and insurance

### SPP "Success Stories"

The Senior Police Partners assist hundreds of senior citizens every year. Following are just a few examples of how the SPPs help the community and the Long Beach Police Department:

- Assisted an elderly woman recover the deed to her home after she had been the victim of a con artist
- Offered aid and comfort to a grieving family on Christmas Eve
- Assisted a recently widowed senior with funeral arrangements for her husband
- Assisted numerous senior citizens find resources to financial assistance
- Helped many seniors discover entitlements they did not know were available to them
- Provided home security advice to seniors who were the victims of burglary and other crimes
- Assisted dozens of patrol officers by spending time with victims of crime, allowing the officers to handle other calls for service.

**Become an  
"SPP"**



*If you are interested in becoming a part of this exciting and innovative volunteer program, contact the following people for more information:*

*RSVP Coordinator*

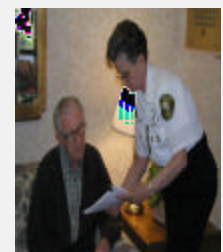
*Diane Johnson  
(562) 506-2801*

**or**

*SPP Coordinator*

*Evelyn Johnson  
(562) 570-5299*

*Next SPP Training Academy to start in September. It's not too late to join us!*

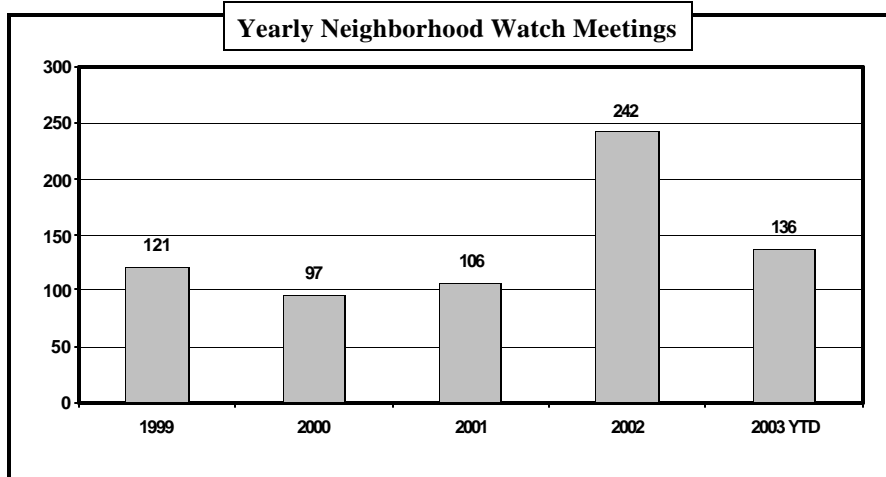


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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SUCCESS STORIES

This month's Success Story can be attributed to all our hard-working Block Captains who keep their groups active and informed on the latest crime trends and crime prevention techniques. This graph shows how the Neighborhood Watch Program has successfully skyrocketed over the past few years. As you can see by looking at the chart, the number of Neighborhood Watch meetings dipped slightly in the year 2000. Meeting numbers increased 9% in 2001, increased 128% in 2002, and this year has been our busiest year to date!



**Hats off to all our Block Captains and Neighborhood Watch participants for their continued fight against crime, one block at a time!**

*Please share your secrets of success by sending an article to the Community Relations Division or e-mail it to [limassa@longbeach.gov](mailto:limassa@longbeach.gov). We'd like to include your article in an upcoming issue of "Crime Watch News."*